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OHIO JANUARY 1 CATTLE INVENTORY UP 6 PERCENT U.S. UP ONE PERCENT

The number of cattle and calves in Ohio on January 1, 2005 was estimated at 1.30 million head, up 6 percent from last year. Beef cows, at 294 thousand head, were up 12 percent and milk cows were up 3 percent from a year earlier at 266 thousand head. Ohio's beef replacement heifers were up 15 percent; dairy replacement heifers were up 9 percent, and other heifers were down 12 percent from last year. Steers 500 pounds and over were up from last year at 183,000 head. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market remained unchanged from January 1, 2004. Ohio's calf crop remained unchanged from 2003, at 470 thousand head.

All cattle and calves in the United States as of January 1, 2005, totaled 95.8 million head, 1 percent above the 94.9 million on January 1, 2004. All cows and heifers that have calved, at 42.1 million, were up 1 percent from the 41.9 million on January 1, 2004.

Beef cows, at 33.06 million, were up 1 percent from January 1, 2004. Milk cows, at 9.01 million, were up slightly from January

1, 2004. Other class estimates on January 1, 2005, and the change from January 1, 2004, are as follows: All heifers 500 pounds and over, 19.7 million, up 2 percent. Beef replacement heifers, 5.75 million, up 4 percent. Milk replacement heifers, 4.13 million, up 3 percent. Other heifers, 9.79 million, down slightly. Steers weighing 500 pounds and over, 16.5 million, up 1 percent. Bulls weighing 500 pounds and over, 2.22 million, up 1 percent.

Calves under 500 pounds, 15.4 million, up 1 percent. Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in all feedlots, 13.7 million, down slightly. The combined total of calves under 500 pounds, and other heifers and steers over 500 pounds outside of feedlots was 27.9 million, up 2 percent.

The 2004 calf crop was estimated at 37.6 million head, down 1 percent from 2003. Calves born during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.4 million, down 1 percent from 2003.

CATTLE AND CALVES: OHIO AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2004 AND 2005

Class	OHIO			UNITED STATES		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
Cattle and Calves	1,230	1,300	106	94,888.0	95,848.0	101
Cows & Heifers that calved	520	560	108	41,850.8	42,060.4	101
Beef Cows	262	294	112	32,861.3	33,055.4	101
Milk Cows	258	266	103	8,989.5	9,005.0	100
Heifers 500 pounds and over	260	270	104	19,344.5	19,672.6	102
For beef cow replacement	65	75	115	5,518.3	5,745.9	104
For milk cow replacement	115	125	109	4,020.0	4,133.3	103
Other heifers	80	70	88	9,806.2	9,793.4	100
Steers 500 pounds and over	180	183	102	16,277.3	16,510.8	101
Bulls 500 pounds and over	30	32	107	2,205.9	2,219.3	101
Calves under 500 pounds	240	255	106	15,209.5	15,384.9	101
Calf crop ^{1/}	470	470	100	37,902.8	37,625.4	99
Cattle on feed	200	200	100	13,812.9	13,748.7	100

1/ During 2003 and 2004.

OHIO SHEEP NUMBERS UP ONE PERCENT

The number of sheep and lambs on Ohio farms on January 1, 2005, totaled 142 thousand head. Sheep and Lamb inventory increased one percent from a year earlier. Total stock sheep, at 122 thousand, increased 3 percent but ewes one year old and older, at 92 thousand head, decreased 2 percent from last year. Stock rams one year old and older rose to 6,000 head on January 1, 2005 from the 5,000 head reported on January 1, 2004. Replacement lambs increased from 20,000 head in January 1, 2004 to 24,000 head in January 1, 2005; a 20 percent increase from a year earlier. The overall lamb crop, totaling 120,000 head, decreased 8 percent from last year.

All sheep and lamb inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 6.14 million head, up slightly from 2004, but 3 percent below two years ago. The inventory has leveled off and is showing a slight increase for the first time since 1990.

Breeding sheep inventory increased to 4.53 million head on January 1, 2005, up 1 percent from 4.50 million head on January

1, 2004. Ewes one year old and older, at 3.57 million head, were 1 percent below last year.

Market sheep and lambs on January 1, 2005, totaled 1.60 million head, down slightly from January 1, 2004. Market lambs comprised 95 percent of the total marketings. Twenty-six percent were lambs under 65 pounds, 13 percent were 65 - 84 pounds, 24 percent were 85 - 105 pounds, 32 percent were over 105 pounds, and 5 percent were market sheep. The 2004 lamb crop of 4.10 million head, a record low, was down 1 percent from 2003. The 2004 lambing rate was 113 lambs per 100 ewes one year old and older on January 1, 2004, up 3 percent from 2003.

Shorn wool production in the United States during 2004 was 37.6 million pounds, down 2 percent from 2003. Sheep and lambs shorn totaled 5.07 million head, down slightly from 2003. The average price paid for wool sold in 2004 was \$0.80 per pound for a total value of \$29.9 million dollars, up 6 percent from \$28.1 million dollars in 2003.

SHEEP: OHIO AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 1, 2004 AND 2005

Class	OHIO			UNITED STATES		
	2004	2005	05/04	2004	2005	05/04
	Thousand Head		Percent	Thousand Head		Percent
All sheep & lambs	140	142	101	6,105.0	6,135.0	100
Total breeding sheep & lambs	119	122	103	4,499.0	4,533.0	101
Total market sheep & lambs	21	20	95	1,606.0	1,602.0	100
Breeding sheep one year & older:	119	122	103	4,499.0	4,533.0	101
Ewes	94	92	98	3,609.5	3,572.5	99
Rams	5	6	120	188.0	190.0	101
Replacement lambs	20	24	120	701.5	770.5	110
Lamb crop ^{1/2/}	131	120	92	4,140.0	4,096.0	99

1/ Lamb crop is lambs born in the Native States plus docked or branded in the Western States. 2/ 2003-04.

WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE, BY SELECTED STATES, 2003 AND 2004

State	Sheep Shorn		Weight per fleece		Production		Price per pound ^{1/}		Value ^{2/}	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 head		Pounds		1,000 pounds		Dollars/lb.		1,000 dollars	
Indiana	42	43	6.7	6.4	280	275	.19	.21	53	58
Michigan	77	76	6.2	5.8	475	440	.30	.45	143	198
Ohio	144	140	6.4	6.5	920	903	.23	.34	212	307
Pennsylvania	61	68	6.7	6.5	410	440	.27	.27	111	119
Texas	800	810	7.0	6.9	5,600	5,600	.90	1.02	5,040	5,712
U.S.	5074	5073	7.5	7.4	38,299	37,622	.73	.80	28,126	29,931

1/ Production multiplied by marketing year average price for individual states, U.S. value is summation of State values.

OHIO AND U.S. GOAT INVENTORY

Ohio goat numbers totaled 45,000 head on January 1, 2005, or 1.8 percent of the U.S. total. Ohio goat ranchers raise 3.4 percent of the total U.S. milk goats and 1.7 percent of the total U.S. meat goats. Nationally, Ohio ranks 8th in milk goats and 13th in meat goats.

All goat inventory in the United States on January 1, 2005, totaled 2.5 million head. Breeding goat inventory totaled 2.1 million head and market goats totaled 0.4 million head. On

January 1, 2005, meat and all other goats totaled 1.97 million head, milk goats totaled 283,500 head and angora goats totaled 274,000 head. The 2004 kid crop was 1.67 million head for all goats. Mohair production in the United States during 2004 was 1.94 million pounds. Goats and kids clipped totaled 269,500 head. Average weight per clip was 7.2 pounds. Mohair price was 1.97 per pound with a value of 3.8 million dollars. Goat data provided in this report are results of the first annual goat survey.

GOAT NUMBERS BY CLASS AND SELECTED STATES, DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND JANUARY 1, 2005

State	Angora		Milk		Meat	
	2002 ^{1/}	2005	2002 ^{1/}	2005	2002 ^{1/}	2005
	Head		Head		Head	
AZ	27,905	23,000	3,197	1,000	4,272	4,000
CA	4,538	3,000	37,343	30,000	61,241	50,000
MI	1,374	1,000	8,935	7,500	10,785	8,500
OH	2,202	1,500	14,420	9,500	28,439	34,000
TX	229,937	210,000	22,569	30,000	941,783	1,010,000
US	300,753	274,000	290,789	283,500	1,938,924	1,965,000

1/ 2002 Census of Agriculture.

OHIO LIVESTOCK PRICES UP IN JANUARY

Ohio hog prices during January averaged \$50.80 per cwt., up 10 cents per cwt. from December and \$12.70 per cwt. higher than the 2004 January price of 38.10 per cwt. Sow prices at \$46.00 per cwt. are up \$1.50 per cwt. from December and \$15.20 higher than they were at the same time last year. The January barrow and gilt price of \$51.20 per cwt. is unchanged from the previous month, but is \$12.60 higher than the January 2004 average price. Beef cattle prices averaged \$77.30 per cwt. in January, up \$1.50 per cwt. from December and \$1.80 per cwt. higher than the previous year. The steer and heifer price at \$81.00 per cwt. rose \$1.60 from both the December and January 2004 price of \$79.40 per cwt. January cow prices at \$44.00 per cwt. are up 40 cents from December and are \$4.10 higher than they were at the same time last year. Calves, at \$105.00 per cwt. are up \$2.00 from the previous month and are \$17.90 per cwt. higher than they were a year ago.

The January winter wheat price of \$2.79 is up three cents from December but is 91 cents below the price received at the same time last year. Corn at \$1.89 is down six cents from the December price of \$1.95 and is 50 cents below the previous January price. Ohio Soybean prices averaged \$5.29 in January, down 10 cents from the December price and \$1.99 less than was received at the same time last year. The alfalfa hay price averaged \$142.00 per ton in January, up \$14.00 from December and \$20.00 more than was received in January 2004. Other hay at \$80.00 per ton is up \$27.00 from December and \$20.00 above

last year. The average potato price of \$7.10 per cwt. is unchanged from December, but 70 cents higher than the previous January price. The January apple price of 32 cents per pound is up three cents from last month and last year.

The average milk price in January of \$16.70 per cwt., is down 50 cents per cwt. from December but is \$3.30 higher than the January 2004 price of \$13.40 per cwt. The January egg price at 35.9 cents per dozen is down 17.1 cents per dozen from December.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in January, at 110, based on 1990-92=100, is 1 point (0.9 percent) below the December Index. The Crop Index is down 3 points (2.9 percent) while the Livestock Index is up 1 point (0.8 percent). Producers received higher commodity prices for broilers, cattle, oranges, and snap beans. Lower prices were received for tomatoes, dairy, eggs, and broccoli. The seasonal change in the mix of commodities farmers sell, based on the past 3-year average, also affects the overall index. Increased average marketings of cattle, corn, soybeans, and strawberries offset decreased marketings of grapes, dairy, tobacco, and cotton. This preliminary All Farm Products Index is down 2 points (1.8 percent) from January 2004. The Food Commodities Index, at 115, is 1 point (0.9 percent) below last month but 2 points (1.8 percent) above January 2004.

AGRICULTURAL PRICES, OHIO AND UNITED STATES, JANUARY 2005 WITH COMPARISONS

Commodity	Unit	Ohio			U.S.
		Jan. 2004 ^{1/}	Dec. 2004 ^{1/}	Jan. 2005 ^{2/}	Jan. 2005 ^{2/}
Winter Wheat	Bu. \$	3.70	2.76	2.79	3.31
Corn	Bu. \$	2.39	1.95	1.89	1.98
Soybeans	Bu. \$	7.28	5.39	5.29	5.32
Oats	Bu. \$	1.67	6/	5/	1.51
All hay 2/	Ton \$	101.00	96.00	121.00	84.20
Alfalfa hay	Ton \$	122.00	128.00	142.00	90.90
Other hay	Ton \$	60.00	53.00	80.00	70.60
Potatoes	Cwt \$	6.40	7.10	7.10	5.35
Apples	Lb \$	0.290	0.290	0.320	0.216
Tobacco	Lb \$	1.905	1.980	1.975	1.975
Hogs	Cwt \$	38.10	50.70	50.80	53.00
Sows	Cwt \$	30.80	44.50	46.00	45.70
Barrows and gilts	Cwt \$	38.60	51.20	51.20	53.30
All beef	Cwt \$	75.50	75.80	77.30	89.10
Cows	Cwt \$	39.90	43.60	44.00	50.00
Steers and heifers	Cwt \$	79.40	79.40	81.00	94.20
Calves	Cwt \$	87.10	103.00	105.00	123.00
Sheep	Cwt \$	46.60	42.80	-	-
Lambs	Cwt \$	96.20	96.60	-	-
Milk sold to plants	Cwt \$	13.40	17.20	16.70	15.90
Milk for fluid use	Cwt \$	13.40	17.20	-	15.90
Milk mfg. grade	Cwt \$	13.00	16.50	-	14.70
Eggs 3/	Doz \$	0.763	0.530	0.359	0.373

FEED PRICE RATIOS

Hog-corn ratio 4/	15.9	26.0	26.9	26.8
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1/ Entire month, 2/ Mid-month price. 3/ Fresh market (table) eggs. 4/ Bushels of corn equal in value to 100 pounds of hogs live weight. 5/ Insufficient sales to establish a price. 6/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms.

POTATO STOCKS UP TWO PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

The 15 major potato States had 238 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2005, up 2 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2003. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2004 fall storage State's production, 1 percentage point above last year. Stocks by type show a smaller percentage of reds and round whites but a larger percentage of long whites and russets than a year ago. Disappearance of 165 million cwt of

potatoes is down 3 percent from last year and 6 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 20.0 million cwt so far this season, is up 15 percent from last year and 10 percent above the same date in 2003. Processors in the 9 major States used 86.0 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 2 percent from a year ago and 7 percent below two years ago.

FALL POTATO PRODUCTION AND STOCKS, JANUARY 1, 2004 AND 2005

State	Crop of 2003			Crop of 2004			
	Production	Stocks Jan. 1 2004	% of production	Production	Stocks Dec. 1 2004	Total stocks Jan. 1 2005	Jan. % of production
	1,000 cwt.		Percent	1,000 cwt.			Percent
Idaho	123,180	76,500	62	131,970	93,500	84,500	64
Maine	17,030	12,100	71	19,220	15,000	12,800	67
Michigan	15,015	7,700	51	13,650	8,600	6,900	51
Minnesota	22,330	12,400	56	18,920	13,000	11,600	61
North Dakota	27,440	17,300	63	26,765	19,600	17,500	65
Ohio	1,097	190	17	1,080	200	120	11
Oregon	20,991	15,800	75	19,775	17,000	14,500	73
Washington	93,150	44,000	47	93,810	50,000	43,000	46
Wisconsin	32,800	18,500	56	30,450	21,000	18,000	59
15-State Total ^{1/}	403,181	233,590	58	403,327	271,800	238,200	59

1/ 15 States are: CA, CO, ID, ME, MI, MN, MT, NE, NY, ND, OH, OR, PA, WA, WI

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